

## **LCHS Sophomore Year Career/College Planner**

### **August**

- Start the school year off right with good study habits! Remember that LCHS will have two nine-week grading periods per semester.
- Review your transcript and check for accuracy – let Mrs. Royals know if you see any errors or have questions.
- Sign in to GAFutures using your GACollege411 USERNAME and PASSWORD – you will need to update your profile and change your password. We can no longer reset this for you. Write it down!
- Be sure you are taking a strong academic program tied to your college/career goals.
- Memorize your social security number.
- Memorize the Lee County High School CEEB code number – 111-810.
- Sign-up for SAT Question of the Day email.
- Plan your next three year's extracurricular and community service activities
- Investigate your next three year's school leadership opportunities through clubs, CTSOs, and extracurricular activities.

### **September**

- Join a club! Club Rush will be in September.
- Continue extracurricular activities – colleges and scholarship committees look for well-rounded students who participate in the world around them.
- Research job trends to help with choosing your career/college pathway.
- Begin research into potential college majors and career training.
- Become aware of Move on When Ready programs.
- Study SAT strategies and take practice exams.
- Progress Reports – September 8.
- Attend Probe College Fair – September 28.

### **October**

- October 12 – last day of the 1<sup>st</sup> nine-weeks/Report Cards – October 18.
- Take the PSAT – October 19.
- Review and begin to refine your Career Cluster areas of interest.
- Take the career interest, personality, and value surveys on GAFutures.
- Develop your high school resume – see the example under helpful links in the counselor section of the LCHS website.

### **November**

- Make a list of possible post-secondary options.
- Register for a Free SAT Prep Course.
- Analyze Department of Labor job trend data.
- Progress Reports – November 15

### **December**

- Final Exams – December 19-20.
- December 21 – last day of the 2<sup>nd</sup> nine weeks.

- Consider touring a college campus over Christmas break.
- Talk with senior friends about the colleges they have visited and their college plans.

### **January**

- Report cards – January 10
- Use *My College Quick Start* on CollegeBoard.org to improve SAT scores by using your PSAT score report
- Set your academic goals to maintain or increase your GPA/class rank
- Schedule a meeting with your counselor to discuss your college/career goals
- Visit with college representatives when they visit the LCHS campus

### **February**

- Meet with Mrs. Royals to select classes for the junior year – plan to take challenging courses.
- Deadline to take the ACT for MOWR for next year.
- Explore summer programs or employment opportunities.
- Progress Reports – February 7

### **March**

- March 9 – last day of the 3<sup>rd</sup> nine-weeks/Report Cards – March 14
- Deadline to take the SAT for MOWR for next year.
- Begin to research opportunities for summer work, internships, camps, and activities.
- Begin your review preparation for AP exams.
- Talk to your teachers, friends, parents, relatives, counselors, and advisors to narrow possible college fields of study and your career focus.

### **April**

- Use Spring Break to visit prospective colleges.
- Stay focused on finishing with strong grades for the semester.
- Progress Reports – April 20.

### **May**

- Be sure you are taking a strong academic program tied to your college/career goals.
- Study hard for EOCT and final examinations to maintain/improve your GPA and class rank.
- Focus, focus, focus – with so much going on in May, don't neglect your school work!
- Final Exams, SLO's and EOC's all during May. Study hard!
- May 24 – last day of 4<sup>th</sup> nine weeks/Report Cards – May 25

### **Summer**

- Consider taking a summer MOWR course
- Visit college campuses during the summer.
- Use the summer to continue researching colleges/careers/financial aid at GACollege411 and at Big Futures on the College Board website.
- Update your resume.